

**A RESOLUTION  
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**AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED (2/12/08) BY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A HOUSING RELOCATION  
TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF THE  
ATLANTA HOUSING AUTHORITY QUALITY OF LIFE  
INITIATIVE ON THOSE RESIDENTS WHO ARE TO BE  
RELOCATED AND REQUESTING THAT THE ATLANTA  
HOUSING AUTHORITY SUSPEND THE DEMOLITION  
AND RENOVATION SCHEDULES OF THOSE SENIOR  
HIGHRISES IN WHICH THE DISPLACEMENT OF  
SENIORS IS ANTICIPATED, UNTIL ADEQUATE  
ALTERNATIVE HOUSING IS FOUND FOR EACH  
RESIDENT WHO WILL BE DISPLACED; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Housing Authority ( "AHA"), through its Quality of Life Initiative, states that the residents will be relocated in various AHA housing developments; and

**WHEREAS**, the planned redevelopment of AHA property may displace other residents at some time in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these residents and residents in other AHA properties in which demolitions and renovations are anticipated are elderly and low income families and may have difficulty finding suitable and affordable housing alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Atlanta City Council to assist those residents who may be affected by the efforts of Atlanta Housing Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development continues to decline forcing the Atlanta Housing Authority to make difficult choices about the allocation of scarce resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to identify the best practices to be employed in the relocation of public housing residents that will be required by the Atlanta Housing Authority Quality of Life initiative;

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** A Housing Relocation Task Force is to be formed to analyze the effects of the Atlanta Housing Authority Quality of Life Initiative on those persons currently residing in public housing who will be forced to relocate, with the effects on all residents of AHA properties, whose homes are the first scheduled for demolition or renovation, being the first priority.

**Section 2:** The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- One member shall be appointed by the Mayor
- One member shall be appointed by the Council President
- Three members shall be appointed by the Council as follows:
  1. One by Council members from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and Post 1 At-Large
  2. One by Council members from Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and Post 2 At-Large
  3. One by Council members from Districts 9, 10, 11, 12 and Post 3 At-Large
- One member shall be appointed by the Executive Director of Atlanta Housing Authority
- One member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of Atlanta Housing Authority
- One representative each from all the affected housing complexes that are scheduled for demolition or renovation
- One member shall be appointed by AARP
- One member shall be appointed by Quality Living Services
- One member shall be appointed by the Atlanta Regional Commission
- One member shall be appointed by the City of Atlanta Department of Planning and Community Development
- One member shall be appointed by the Fulton County Council on Aging

**Section 3:** The Task Force will work together with AHA to develop a set of “best practices” to be followed in the relocation efforts associated with the Atlanta Housing Authority Quality of Life Initiative, including best practices in unit-for-unit replacements and tenants’ rights of first refusal. This would apply to all AHA properties.

**Section 4:** Appropriate legal resources are to be directed to assist the Housing Relocation Task Force to understand the legal rights of seniors and all other residents of public housing for the Atlanta Housing Authority residing in housing funded in whole or in part by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Section 5:** The Housing Relocation Task Force is to develop detailed documents, such as “Frequently asked Questions” brochures and brochures detailing the rights of all AHA tenants, which will assist those who may be relocated by the Atlanta Housing Authority Quality of life Initiative.

**Section 6:** The Housing Relocation Task Force shall track the transition of those who are to be relocated by the Atlanta Housing Authority’s “Responsible Relocation” program.

**Section 7:** In the event that the Atlanta Housing Authority's "Responsible Relocation" program does not provide an appropriate housing opportunity to each resident who is to be relocated, the City Council should be informed and prepared to take action so that no resident is relocated to a less desirable housing alternative.

**Section 8:** The Housing Relocation Task Force is to report to the Human Resources/Community Development Committee at a time and in a manner that will allow the City Council to determine whether it shall be necessary to request of AHA that the demolition schedules of the Palmer House, the Roosevelt House, and other AHA properties slated for demolition, and the renovation schedule of the AHA properties slated for renovation be suspended or to consider such further action which will give additional time prior to such demolition or renovation for each affected resident to avail him-or herself of the best housing alternative.

**Section 9:** The City Department of Housing and the Atlanta Development Authority will work cooperatively with the Enterprise Foundation and developers of new multi-family housing development eligible to benefit from the city's new \$25 million mix income housing initiative to develop opportunities for replacement housing for all AHA residents.